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- 12.1 Some of the stain patterns may lend themselves to information that will assist in the reconstruction of events. Indicators may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 12.1.1 A leading edge of disruption establishes a direction of travel for the blood.
  - 12.1.2 A static pool of accumulated blood flow establishes that a blood source is leaking in a particular area for a period of time.
  - 12.1.3 An increase or decrease in the size of passive drops in a blood trail establishes that the blood source is changing elevation or volume flow.
  - 12.1.4 A cast-off pattern establishes a general position or location of the source of the blood soaked item.
  - 12.1.5 Cast-off patterns establish that multiple events have occurred.
  - 12.1.6 Expirated patterns establish that damage has been done to the lungs or airway.
  - 12.1.7 Arterial spurting establishes that damage has been done to an artery.
  - 12.1.8 Impact establishes that a forcible event has occurred.
  - 12.1.9 Impact stain patterns can establish a source of origin.
  - 12.1.10 A contact transfer establishes that the blood source was already releasing blood and that blood was already on an object prior to having come into contact with a surface.
  - 12.1.11 A contact swipe establishes a direction of travel for the source of blood coming into contact with the surface.
  - 12.1.12 A contact wipe establishes the existence of a stain prior to movement through it.

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